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SUBJ: TRAVEL BY PRCLO COMMERCIAL OFFICERS

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THROUGH NCUSCT THAT PRCLO COMMERCIAL SECTION RECENTLY TOOK INITIATIVE TO CONTACT MONSANTO AND PROPOSE THAT CHINESE COMMERCIAL OFFICERS BE INVITED TO ST. LOUIS TO VIEW MONSANTO PLANT. GROUP OF FOUR CHINESE REPORTEDLY PLANS TO TRAVEL TO ST. LOUIS NOVEMBER 20 FOR TWO DAY STAY WITH MONSANTO. DEPARTMENT NOT YET OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED, NOR DO WE KNOW PURPOSE OF CHINESE DISCUSSIONS WITH MONSANTO, BUT ASSUME THIS AUGURS WELL FOR POTENTIAL SALE OF COMPLETE PLANTS MENTIONED IN REPORTING TRAFFIC EARLIER THIS YEAR.

2. EXCEPT FOR EXCHANGE DELEGATION ESCORT DUTIES AND FREQUENT COMMUTING TO AND FROM NEW YORK, THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE IN WHICH PRCLO OFFICERS HAVE PLANNED TRAVEL BEYOND DRIVING DISTANCE OF WASHINGTON AREA. (THEY HAVE SPENT MANY WEEKENDS VISITING SCENIC SPOTS BEYOND TWENTY-FIVE MILE RADIUS OF WASHINGTON AFTER RECEIVING PERMISSION TO DO SO UNDER CURRENT AD HOC TRAVEL RESTRICTION ARRANGEMENTS, AND

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